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After many years spent in California where he'd earned an enviable reputation for his work in the recording industry, Paul Conrad Buff sold his studio to partner Frank Zappa and headed to Nashville, Tennessee. With his developing interest in photography and lighting, Paul was shocked at how bulky, inefficient, and grossly expensive studio lighting was at the time. Knowing the industry needed something better, Paul started an in-home research lab, beginning work on a "monolight" a self-contained flash unit with power and versatility that could be made in America and priced affordably.

> Want to buy a studio flash in the U.S. in 1980? You'll need \$1500+ ...and good luck if you need repairs.



Paul's "Golden Rule" philosophy of customer service begins...



<del>-</del> 1981

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### The 5K/10K Series

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## 2006 The AllenBees Ringflash

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Another case of copycatting is about to begin: Paul's PLM design is copied (poorly) by several huge manufacturers using lower quality materials and some using stolen molds. One didn't realize that BUFF was still stamped into the center pole mold. Oops.



## 2008 - 2009

### The PLM System

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1998

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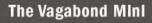
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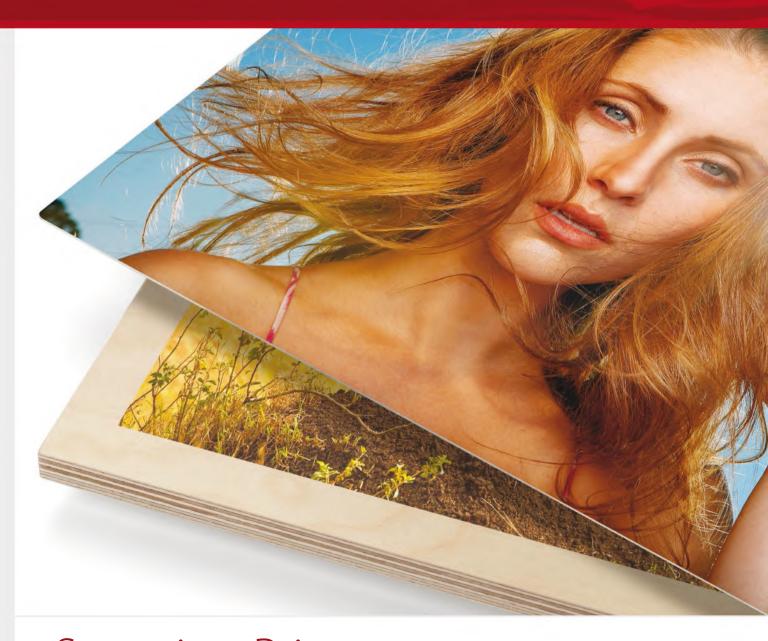
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### **ON THE COVER**

Acclaimed fashion photographer Lou Freeman's mantra is to bring beauty, strength, and sophistication to everyone she captures. It is quite apparent in looking at our stunning cover image of supermodel Niki Taylor that Freeman achieves that and more. The image was taken with a mixture of daylight and Bi-Color LED light panels. Freeman used a Canon EOS 5D Mark III and an EF 70-300mm f/4-5.6L IS USM lens.



Photos: left © Keith Christenson, right © Lou Freeman





**EDITOR'S NOTES** 

## LIGHT LESSONS

"Light makes photography. Embrace light. Admire it. Love it. But above all, know light. Know it for all you are worth, and you will know the key to photography." -George Eastman

WE INCLUDED THE ABOVE QUOTATION by George "Mr. Kodak" Eastman in an online story called "The 25 Best Quotes About Photography" that appears exclusively on our website, Shutterbug.com. Why do I mention this? Two reasons: #1, the magazine you are holding in your hand is our "Lighting Tools, Tips, and Techniques" issue and that quote pretty much sums it all up. And, #2, I wanted to make you aware of some of the exciting changes happening at Shutterbug.com.

But first to the issue at hand. It's one of our favorites to put together because, as Eastman so perfectly said it, light is "the key to photography." We explore that idea in several stories and reviews in this issue. For starters, you really need to check out Steve Bedell's piece on page 80 on what it's like to take a lighting master class with acclaimed fashion photographer Lou Freeman. Bedell follows Freeman during one such class and shares her tips and tricks (including lighting diagrams) on how she lights for portraits and fashion. Bedell also does a field review of the Profoto B2 in this issue on page 54. If you're not familiar with the B2, it's one of the most talked about portable yet powerful lighting products on the market out there. Speaking of reviews, Joe Farace does a studio test of Westcott's Two-Light Daylight D5 Softbox Kit, which is designed to create cool, soft light for portraits. Even better, the kit sells at a surprisingly affordable price point. Read the review on page 48. In Jack Neubart's Pro's Choice column on page 74, he learns about photographer Adam Savitch's stroboscopic lighting technique for freezing motion in a flash.

I'd also like to call your attention to a brand-new column in Shutterbug starting this month. Titled "Destination Travel," it takes a look at a particularly popular photo destination and offers tips and travel advice on how to make the most out of your visit. For this initial column (which will run quarterly), Shutterbug Editor-at-Large George Schaub gives you the lowdown on how to cover the upcoming Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta in New Mexico, which, if you haven't been, is one of the great photo trips.

Now on to our website. In case you weren't aware, we post a variety of webexclusive stories to Shutterbug.com daily. In particular we have a voluminous supply of great photography gear reviews and news there for you to read. Just hover over our redesigned Navigation (aka Nav) bar at the top of the site and a flyout will appear with drop-down access to all our DSLR, mirrorless camera, compact camera, medium format camera, lens, printer, bag, and lighting, etc., reviews and news. There's tons of stuff there to help you make informed purchasing decisions. (And you know you want a new camera, lens, and/or bag, right?)

Have you visited our online Galleries at Shutterbug.com recently? If not, you really need to check them out and share your photos. We now have a Shutterbug Photo of the Day feature where we choose our favorite reader images to run as a full-page spread in the magazine. You can see this month's choice in Final Shot on page 95. As you'll notice about that image, which was shot by Alan Bogart at the Great Sand Dunes National Park in Colorado, the light is positively luminous.

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### JUMP SHOT

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Ray Demski captured this dramatic image sequence of Olympic Beach Volleyball gold medalist Jonas Reckermann in the Canary Islands for Red Bull. "I wanted to show the entire movement of Jonas Reckermann's jump serve in a single image," Demski told Shutterbug. "In addition to the technique of layering action into a sequence, I also stitched several images into a panorama and exaggerated the distance of the movement in order to avoid any overlap of the action." He used three Nikon Speedlights at a low power setting (around 1/64th power) in order to get the fast recycle times needed to keep up with the high frame rate of his Nikon D3. "The Speedlights were triggered by PocketWizard Plus IIs. Shooting at dusk and overpowering the ambient light gave us the moody atmosphere and allowed me to use a rather low flash power. But we had to work fast to catch the last light and probably took 20 minutes from starting setup to the last shot." Demski paired his D3 with an AF-S Nikkor 24-70mm f/2.8 ED lens and shot the image at 42mm, f/4, 1/250 second, ISO 200. You can see more of his work at www.raydemski.com. He is represented by Upfront.



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# **GREAT LIGHTING**

**BEAUTIFUL LIGHTING**, in many ways, is what photography is all about. And as our readers proved with this month's submissions, if you want great lighting, all you need to do is look outside your window. While it's not entirely surprising, our 10 favorite photos from this month's assignment are all bathed in natural light. The results are simply radiant.



MORNING LIGHT Kris Mellinger shot this image of sunlight streaming through the trees in Indiana, Pennsylvania.

### FOX IN SOX Steven Pinker captured this poignant scene in Truro (Cape Cod), Massachusetts, with a Leica M (240) and a Leica APO-Telyt-R 280mm f/4 lens at f/4, 1/350 second (2/3 stop below the Auto setting), ISO 800.



IN THE NARROWS
"Backlight illuminates the steam as a Western
Maryland train runs through The Narrows, near
Cumberland," Stuart Lovell says about this photo.



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### THROUGH THE MINE'S EYE

This image was taken in an abandoned mine in the Bradshaw Mountains in Prescott, Arizona. "To capture this photo was a LOT of work and almost didn't happen," Theresa Rose Ditson recalls. "Lots of

capture this photo was a LOT of work and almost didn't happen," Theresa Rose Ditson recalls. "Lots of steep hill hiking with my heavy camera bag, tripod, etc., only to find this abandoned mine, which I have previously found to be normally damp/muddy on other occasions was incredibly flooded this time. At first I thought it was a complete bust as I was really hoping to shoot the interior further in the mine, but then noticed the sun traversing across the sky and decided to go inside anyway, to see what the view was, framed by the entrance. I got pretty wet, despite wearing rubber booties, due to having to crouch in a cramped space just inside the mine and thankfully just in the nick of time to also catch the sun as it made its way west across the sky and out of view. I also used a flash to illuminate the interior better and balance against the outside brightness. Luckily, I was able to do this in a single, noncomposite image." She shot it with a Nikkon D810 and a Nikkor 14-24mm lens at 14mm, f/14, ISO 64, I/80 second. A Nikon SB-910 Speedlight flash was used. off-comera, and analyed un to illuminate the mine's second. A Nikon SB-910 Speedlight flash was used, off-camera, and angled up to illuminate the mine's cavernous walls.



**CANYON LIGHT** 

"Sunset at Cape Royal Grand Canyon. Sunrays paint the canyon walls," Gerry Groeber writes about this shot.



### SPOTLIGHT ON BRIDALVEIL FALLS

"A spring storm was clearing and the clouds and late afternoon sun created an incredible mosaic of shadow and light across the Yosemite Valley,' Douglas Croft writes. "I composed on Bridalveil Falls and waited for this to happen." It was shot with a Nikon D7000 and a Nikkor 18-300mm lens at ISO 200, f/8, 1/125 second.



MORNING LIGHT AT THE BASILICA This image was captured by Jeff Perkins in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, with a Minolta Autocord TLR loaded with Fuji Reala film, ISO 100, f/5.6, 1/15



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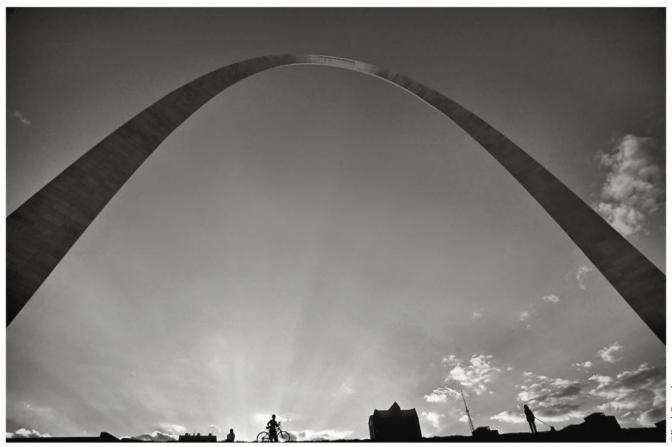
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ARCH AT SUNSET
"There were steps on this side of the arch leading to a parking lot next to the river," Frank Goroszko says about this photo. "The river was at flood stage and reached up to the second step, which limited how far back I could get. It wasn't quite enough to get the whole arch in the frame. The rays of the setting sun really helped to fill in the area under the arch." He shot it with a Nikon F5 and a Tokina 19-35mm lens at f/8, 1/125 second (+ 1/3), 19mm, with Fujichrome 100 film, ISO 100.



SEEING DOUBLE

© Brenda Baltimore

This picture was shot in July 2014 in the Red Deer River, Alberta, near Ya Ha Tinda Ranch. "A large thunder and lightning storm had just passed through and left the most electrifying light and colors in the rainbow behind it," Brenda Baltimore explains. She shot it with a Nikon D7000 and a Nikkor 18-105mm f/3.5-5.6 lens at 18mm, f/7.1, ISO 1250.



NOON, DEEP IN THE GOMANTONG CAVES NOON, DEEP IN THE GOMANTONG CAVES Keith Christenson shot this photo of the Gomantong Caves in Malaysia at noon from the bottom of the cave below a skylight 300 feet overhead. "There is a window of about 10 minutes as the shaft of light hits the bottom left, and then moves across the floor, and finally is gone," Christenson says. "Which, of course, is one way to light up such a big space with few people and no artificial lighting." He captured the image with a Canon EOS 70D on a Davis and Sanford PB228-10 tripod using a Tokina 12-24mm f/4 (IF) DX II lens set to 15mm. It's a 1.6-second exposure at f/4 and ISO 320. ISO 320.





## EXTREME OUTDOOR **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Outdoor photography is great but it's even better when you take it to the extreme. For this assignment we're looking for images of dizzying mountaintops shot from harrowing angles, exploding volcanoes, dangling ice climbers, kayakers barreling through rapids, or stunning displays of weather. In short, we're looking for outdoor images that make us see the awesomeness and danger of nature in the extreme.

STORM BREWING Though this was shot in an urban landscape, the feeling of nature encroaching on the man-made world felt incredibly extreme. I captured this storm rolling in over Upper Manhattan in New York City with a Canon EOS-1D X and an EF 70-200mm f/2.8L IS II USM lens at f/3.5, ISO 100, 1/100 second. Just moments after I shot this, the sky erupted with furious hail-like rain, which pounded the streets for about 15 minutes. And then, just like that, the storm ended, the clouds parted, and the sun came out again.

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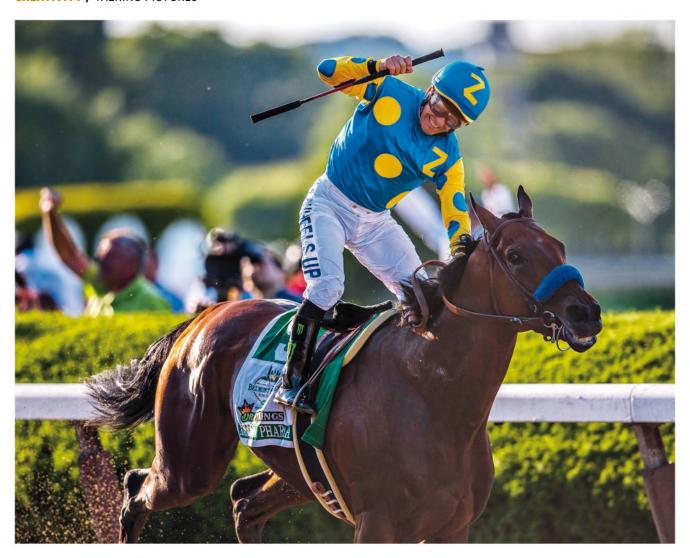












# PHOTO FINISH

WHEN MAINTAINING FOCUS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR CAMERA'S AF SYSTEM

By Barry Tanenbaum

THE RACE WAS MORE joy than suspense. American Pharoah had already taken the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes, and he led the 2015 Belmont Stakes from the start and was never challenged. Early on, racing fans at Belmont Park were pretty sure they were going to see the first Triple Crown winner in 37 years.

Diana Robinson, shooting for *Sports Illustrated*, was jammed into the press photographers' section. "When he came around the last turn, the sound swelled, and I couldn't believe how loud it was," she says. "At that point I had to tune it out to make sure I didn't mess up the shot. I heard the sound and felt the excitement, and then I let it go to concentrate on getting a good shot."

She got many good shots, including this one of American Pharoah's jockey Victor

Espinoza celebrating after crossing the finish line. "Being in the moment, there's that temptation to just experience and enjoy, but you can't do that—you have to stay with it," Robinson says.

There was an additional distraction. "About three feet behind us were the stands, and people threw their drinks up in the air when he crossed the line, sloshing beer onto us as we were photographing."

She had a great vantage point, a long

lens, and a monopod for stability, but she had to battle the sun for most of the race. "The way the sunlight hits the track at that time of day, I was often shooting right into the sun. It was an issue at the start of the race and even at the finish line. I had to underexpose, so I got a lot of shadowed areas, but a little Lightroom manipulation opened them up."

You can see a selection of Robinson's travel, nature, and wildlife images at her website, www.dianarobinsonphotography.com.

**Tech Talk:** Diana Robinson took the photo with a Nikon D4S and an AF-S Nikkor 600mm f/4D IF-ED II lens. The camera settings were 1/2500 second, f/4, ISO 400, aperture priority exposure, and Matrix metering.





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# LIGHT IT UP

WHY I DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT MY SPEEDLIGHTS

By Blaine Harrington

WHEN I REALIZED THAT this column would be in the magazine's lighting focus issue, I looked at the data for the photos I'd taken earlier this year during a nearly month-long combination of safari workshop, assignment, and stock shoot in Africa. What I found surprised me: I'd used flash on about one-third of the 13,000 photos I'd made on that trip. I had no idea I'd used my Speedlights as often as I had.

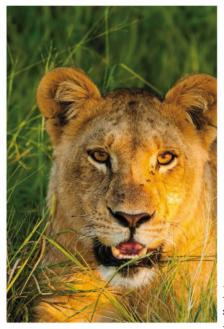
Interestingly, the subject of flash photography came up on the safari when a participant said he wasn't all that comfortable using flash. With that in mind I made it a point to think about, and talk about, why and how I used it. As it turned out, the reasons for bringing out the flash on a photo safari weren't at all different from why I use it for any of my travel photography. Simply, flash photography often makes a picture better; other times it makes a picture possible.

Maybe I shouldn't have been surprised by the number of flash photos I took. After all, I do travel fully prepared to shoot with flash. I almost always carry two SB-900 Nikon Speedlights, an SC-29 TTL Remote Cord, a JJC FB-2 External Flash Compact Battery Pack to help the flash keep up with my camera's motor drive, and a Visual Echoes FX6 Better Beamer Flash Extender to spread and soften the light when I'm shooting with lenses 200mm or longer. (Yes, I know the phrase "motor drive" is a holdover from the ancient days of film, but it sounds so much better than "continuous advance.")

What I realized when I saw the number of flash photos I took on that trip was that I wasn't consciously aware of the number of times I instinctively know that flash is, or might be, needed. Low-light situations are the obvious reasons, but there are lots of times when a touch of fill flash is necessary to open up shadow areas or to balance the natural light in a scene.

What makes flash a natural part of image-making is the ability to control the

Without flash there'd be no picture. I was faced with almost total darkness except for the thin strip of sunset sky. Boosting the ISO to 6400 helped; so did some Lightroom work to open up the lower third of the image, especially the shadows between the elephants. I shot the on-camera flash at full power.



You can call this a mixed lighting portrait, as sunlight from camera right touched the female lion and fill flash took care of the shadows at camera left. I fired the flash at three-quarter power for this image, with no extender.

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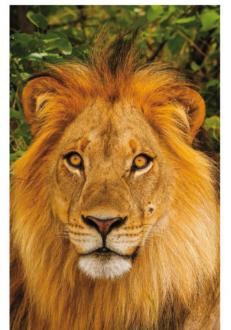
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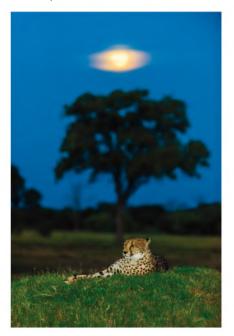
### **CREATIVITY / ON THE ROAD**



I shot straight into the sun to get this image of a yawning cheetah. Without flash it would have been nothing but a silhouette. I set the flash for half power and used the Better Beamer Flash Extender.



I made this image in the early evening, with the sun still up and the male lion in open shade. The flash provided soft, unobtrusive, natural-looking light to bring out detail. The lion was looking around a lot, so the flash, at 1/250-second shutter speed, froze the moment.





Flash, obviously, and at full power with the extender. It was almost totally dark when I made the photo, and to me the most important part of the image was the reflection. The female lion didn't react to the flash going off; she probably thought, Tourists!

intensity of the flash from shot to shot. I can choose full power, three-quarter, half, or one-quarter, and that's one of the things I pointed out on the safari: the flash comes out of the box ready to fire at full power, but that doesn't mean you should assume that's the setting you're going to need all the time. Adjusting the power output—which can be done any number of ways depending on the system you're using—means you can create natural-looking images that often don't even hint at the use of flash.

I know that you're thinking: Flash for animals? Yes, because they're very often partially concealed in and around trees, bushes, and other foliage when hunting, feeding, hiding from predators, or just keeping watch on whatever's going on. Often I'm photographing in the low light of morning and evening. And regardless of the time, I can't get out of the vehicle to get a better view or angle. The flash's effect on the animals? I don't think I've ever seen much of a reaction; they seem to go on doing whatever it is they were doing, with no change in behavior.

Regardless of time of day, using the flash off-camera is often the best, or only, way to get the picture. Fired from the on-camera position, the flash may cast the shadow of whatever bush or tree is partially concealing the animal, so I'll use the remote cord to enable me to hold the flash off to the left or right, sometimes at a high or low angle. It can be a bit of a juggling act. Inside the vehicle I often have my camera on a monopod, and I'll be holding the flash a couple of feet to the left, aimed at an open spot in the scene, maybe at a high angle, with the camera

The rising moon provided enough light to give me a nicely exposed image of this cheetah without flash, but I used the Speedlight and the flash extender to make sure I'd also get the mound he was sitting on.

held, balanced, and fired by my right hand. That way I keep the flash from directly hitting anything in line between me and the subject.

I've been using my Speedlights in this way for a long time and sometimes can figure the power settings from experience. Still, it's most often a case of taking a test shot, checking the result on the LCD, and making whatever power output adjustment is needed. Overall I'm more situational than technical, and I think most people who take my safaris and workshops learn by observing. They watch the way I shoot, what lens I use, when I choose flash, and how I work a subject. Then they see the results I get.

If a flash unit isn't in your gadget bag or your plans, at the very least learn all the ins and outs of your camera's built-in flash. As far as flash was concerned, what was learned on this trip was that lots of situations come down to a case of flash or no picture, while many others are flash and better picture. It's not a tough choice. ■

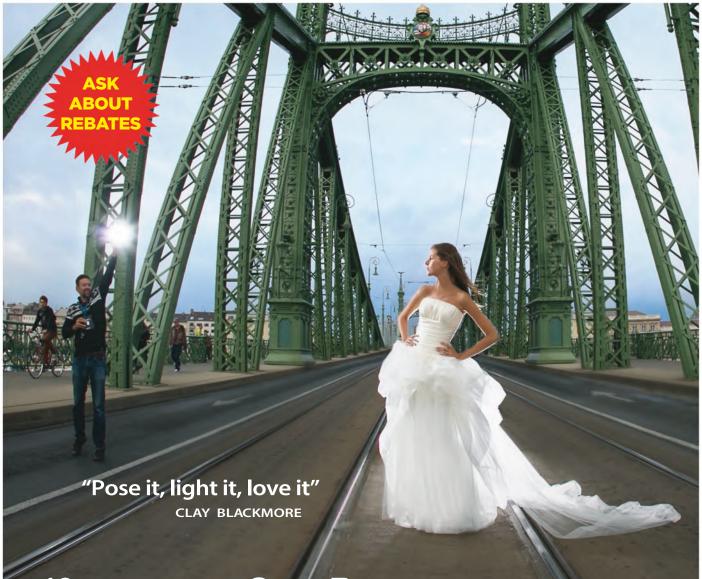
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### MY FAVORITE FLASH

The Nikon SB-900 Speedlight is my lighton-the-subject traveling companion mainly because it's compact, lightweight, versatile, and pretty powerful. I'm also a believer in the system approach: if I use a company's cameras, I'm going with their lenses, flash units, and accessories.

Even though one flash at a time suits the way I work—quickly, on the move—I always carry two SB-900s because no matter how reliable any piece of equipment is, I have to have a backup.





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### TOOLS / ASK A PRO



By Scott Kelby

HI EVERYBODY! I'm very excited to be launching a new Q&A column here in *Shutterbug*—a magazine I've been reading, and been a fan of, for so many years—so it's truly an honor to be here with you. I invite you to send in your questions to editorial@ shutterbug.com, and I'll do my best to answer them in *Ask a Pro*. OK, let's jump right to it:

- ① I bought a pretty large softbox so I could get really soft light for portraits, and while it is pretty soft, is there a way I can get it even softer?
- There are two things that will help; one is free and the other is only \$20. The free one is to position that softbox as close as you can get it to your subject, without actually seeing it in the shot. The closer you get that light, the softer and creamier it will look (it will also be brighter, so don't forget to turn the power down a bit). The second method costs just \$20, but works wonders: buy a onestop, collapsible diffuser (I use Westcott's 30" Basics 1-Stop Diffusion Panel) and put it between your subject and the softbox, and you'll be amazed at the softness that second layer of diffusion brings. Of course, adding a one-stop diffuser is going to eat up some of the power of the light, so you'll need to increase the power of light by around one stop. If you don't have an assistant or friend to hold the diffuser in place, they make stands with two clamps designed to hold reflectors or diffusers in place that'll do the trick. One more thing: make sure you don't get a reflector; it has to be a "diffuser."

### • What's the first setting you change when you get a new camera?

The very first thing I do is change the center button on the back of my camera to be a one-click zoom so I can quickly check the sharpness of my images while I'm still at the shoot. Everything looks sharp on that tiny three-inch screen and without zooming in to check sharpness while you're still at the shoot (and you can retake the shot), you're just setting yourself up for heartbreak later when you open the image on your computer and find out that the shot you thought you totally nailed is soft. If checking the sharpness is just one click away (rather than three clicks to zoom in, and three to zoom back out, which is a pain), you'll start using it more. On Canon's DSLRs, this assignable button is called the "Setting Button" (the one in the center of the Quick Dial), and on Nikon's it's called the Multi-Selector Center Button.

- If you had one piece of advice for someone wanting to take better portraits, what would it be?
- OK, this is one-and-a-half answers, because before I give you the second part, I want you to know that I fully believe that great portraits come from getting great expressions, real emotion, and a genuine connection and engagement with your subject, so I'm going to jump past that to something else you can do technically that will make a big difference (and will clear you to focus on what I just said), and that is simply this: start worrying about the background. If you want better portraits, make sure the background is really simple. When you start worrying about how the background looks—really giving it a careful eye not to have distracting elements back there, and keeping it clean and simple—your foreground (the subject) will fall into place and the overall quality of your portraits will take a big leap forward. This is bigger than it sounds.
- O I've heard somebody say that Raw images look better in Capture One Pro than they do in Lightroom or Camera Raw. Can this be true?
- Asw images definitely look different in Capture One Pro than you're used to seeing in Lightroom or Camera Raw. You might like their "flavor" or you might not, so I can't say it's better, but it's definitely different. Lightroom and Camera Raw produce a more flat Raw image and I imagine Adobe's engineers would tell you it's more true to the original capture. Raw images processed in Capture One Pro look more "juiced" to me (not a bad thing; they look like they've had some Clarity

already applied, and the colors seem warmer), but whatever they're doing, it's definitely their own take on interpreting the Raw data and some folks might like it better. The best way to find out is to download their free trial version; open the same images in Lightroom or Camera Raw, then open it in Capture One Pro, and do a side-by-side comparison to see which one "speaks" to you.

- Why would I need to get my white balance right in the camera when I can just pick the white balance I want later in Photoshop?
- 1 There are a couple of advantages to getting the color right in the camera, and one is you don't have to fix it later in Photoshop. If the color looks right coming out of the camera, then instead of spending your time trying to fix it, you can be working on something else (like finishing off your photo). Another big advantage is that you'll now see how the image is supposed to look while you're doing the shoot, instead of telling yourself, "I know her skin looks blue, but I can fix that in post." Why not see her skin looking how it's supposed to look now? It'll actually make looking at your images during the shoot more enjoyable. Plus, all it takes is looking up to see what lighting you're under, and then moving one dial. Couldn't be easier. If you look up and see trees, set your White Balance to Shade. If you look up and you see Clouds, set it to Cloudy. If you look up and start squinting from the sun, set it to Daylight, and so on. Plus, one last thing: you get respect from old guys like me who look at photography as a craft and part of that craft is getting it as close to "right" in the camera as you can. Just sayin' ;-) ■

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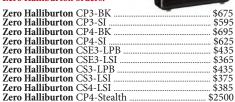
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New autofocus system uses 399 points of phase detection across the sensor in conjunction with 25-point contrast detection system to quickly lock on subjects and capture sharp images.

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OUR COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT THE BEST LIGHTING GEAR FOR PHOTOGRAPHY By Joe Farace

STUDIO LIGHTING HARDWARE is going through the biggest change—a paradigm shift, really—since the flashbulb was invented in 1929. There are many trends and fads with LED's popularity seemingly having equal parts of both. LED lighting also appeals to DSLR and mirrorless camera shooters who want to capture stills and video. The popularity of fluorescent-based systems appears to be holding steady for many of the same reasons, with quartz and other "hot light" sources losing ground to these literally cooler systems. Electronic flash systems aren't going away, if only because they offer the best value per watt-second with new players such as Korea's Godox and the reemergence of innovative battery-powered monolights from Priolite in Germany. And what about speedlights? Well, we cover that in our "What About Speedlights?" sidebar. There's lots to discuss here, so let's dig in.

#### **ELECTRONIC FLASH**

Electronic flash is available as modular power pack and head systems or monolights and each has pros and cons. The most significant trend with both types of electronic flash is battery power, which is keeping electronic flash viable for studio and location lighting.

Elinchrom's ELB 400 is a batterypowered modular system consisting of a compact (3.5x3x4.3-inch) 424Ws power pack with optional flash heads, including the Quadra Pro for more power or the Quadra Action when (short) flash duration is needed. Both heads have 50W LED modeling lamps with a continuous mode for shooting video. Options include the Quadra Ringflash PRO and the portable Quadra Ringflash ECO. The ELB 400 recycles from full power in 1.6 seconds and has an ECO Recycling mode to conserve the battery when fast recycling isn't required. The 4.4-pound pack with lithium-ion battery fully charges in 90 minutes with the option of simultaneous charging and shooting.



Phottix's 500Ws battery-powered Indra500 TTL studio light (\$1,199) is controlled via their Odin TTL Flash Trigger for Canon and Nikon. Weighing 4.62 pounds and powered by battery pack or AC adapter, the flash head is adjustable through eight stops from full to 1/128 power. Exposures are adjustable in plus or minus three stops with High Speed Sync (HSS) shooting up to 1/8000 second. There's an optical slave mode and a built-in receiver so Phottix's Strato II transmitters can trigger the light in manual mode. A 3.5mm sync port permits cord or (other) cordless tripping.



Priolite is a German manufacturer of battery-powered monolights where the battery fits inside the flash head and can be charged inside or outside the unit. The MBX 1000 (\$1,404) is a 1000Ws monolight that's manually adjustable in tenth-stop increments or remotely through a builtin radio module that communicates bi-directionally with a radio control up to 300 feet. It has a 100W halogen modeling light and a user-replaceable flash tube. A (quiet) fan protects against overheating. The head has a rugged tilt head that's designed to support large softboxes or octabanks The reflector mount not only accepts Priolite reflectors but also accessories from Bowens and Hensel.



Godox Photo Equipment Co. Ltd is a Korean company that offers a full line of monolights, power pack and head systems along with speedlights. Blink Photographic distributes Godox monolights in the U.S.A., including the Godox QT-600 monolight (\$439) with variable power control, triggering via wireless remote, and compatibility with Bowens S reflectors. At 600Ws, the QT-600 has a Guide Number of 250 at ISO 100 and a flash duration of 1/5000 to 1/800 second with recycle times from 0.05 to 1.2 seconds at up to 10 continuous flashes per second.



Godox QT-600

Photogenic's StudioMax III 2-Light Basic Studio Kit is a good value at \$523 and includes two Photogenic AKC160 StudioMax III 160Ws monolights, two eight-foot light stands, two 43-inch white umbrellas, and a carrying case. The AKC160 StudioMax III is sold separately (\$249) and has a six-stop range with a recycle time of 1.5 seconds at full power with a flash duration of 1/7400 second (minimum power).



Photogenic StudioMax III 160

Impact's VS-LCD400 400Ws monolight is available separately (\$327) or as a kit (\$997) that includes three monolights, three 10-foot light stands, three umbrellas, and a 26x26-inch softbox along with a carrying case. The VS-LCD400 has touchpad controls with a digital display showing power and modeling light status. At full power the monolight recycles in two seconds and power is variable across four stops. The Bowens S-compatible accessory mount accepts light shapers from different manufacturers. Each monolight includes a grid reflector, 100W modeling lamp, and sync cord.

The late Paul C. Buff was an iconoclastic innovator who created such useful and dependable monolights like the original "paint can" White Lightning and the inexpensive but dependable AlienBees, all backed up by world-class customer service. Their Einstein (\$499) competes with more expensive European



units in capabilities offering nine stops of power from full (640Ws) to 1/256 power (2.5Ws), adjustable in 1/10 stops. At full power, the Einstein recycles in 1.7 seconds. In Constant Color mode, the color temperature is constant at 5600K and in Action mode, flash duration is minimized for stopping action. Einstein has an optical slave or can be fired with the optional CyberSync CSXCV Transceiver (\$29)/Cyber Commander (\$179) or third-party radio triggers. A high velocity fan and multiple internal heat sensors keep the unit cool. The unit includes a microSD card slot to upgrade firmware.



#### LED LIGHTING

LED light is cool, continuous and while early models required shooting at high ISOs, a combination of more powerful LEDs and the noiseless high ISO capabilities of newer cameras meet at a sweet spot. Not all LEDs are created equal but there doesn't seem to be a correlation between price, quality, and color. *Tip*: For real-world shopping I bought a diffraction grating spectroscope (available on eBay for

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less than \$50) that lets you visually inspect a light source's spectrum, allowing you to see peaks and missing color bands.

Rotolight's NEO slots between the company's Anova and compact RL48 LED lights. The NEO features bi-color (white-yellow) LEDs using what Rotolight calls Accu-Color technology to provide accurate color temperature. NEO has a CRI of 95/100 and a TLCI of 99/100. (See "Lux and Other LED Buzzwords" sidebar.) NEO delivers 1,077 lux at three feet and is battery powered (six AA batteries) for up to three hours at full power. An AC adapter is included. NEO uses a camera's shutter speed, ISO, and subject distance along with data from the light to calculate aperture while compensating for skin tone. As you adjust the distance from your subject or light output, you re-enter relevant settings and NEO displays the updated aperture.



Rotolight NEO

Since 1959, Lowel has built clever lighting tools. Lowel's PRO Power LED (\$579) has powerful (2292 lumens with 3000K Model; 2500 lumens for 5000K Model) output along with a wide-focus Fresnel lens, allowing you to light from a greater distance. Output is comparable to a 200W halogen with the same range and beam angle. It's available in two- and three-light kits containing light control accessories, such as barn doors, gel frames, softboxes, umbrellas, and filters.



Lowel PRO Power LED Kit

Fotodiox's Pro LED-1024ASL (\$449) 12x12-inch 5600K light panel has 1,024 bi-color LEDs that are dimmable from 10 percent to 100 percent using a knob or touchscreen. A second control lets you adjust color temperature from 5600 to 3200K. A rear-mounted touchscreen shows battery level, brightness, and color temperature. It comes with an AC adapter and custom case. An included diffusion panel softens light and you can control and shape light using metal barn doors.



Fotodiox Pro LED-1024ASL

Interfit's LEDGO lighting panels are available in three sizes (600, 900, 1200) and 5600K Daylight or 3200 to 5600K bi-color versions. Output is increased (from previous models) from 8050 to





#### WHAT ABOUT SPEEDLIGHTS?

For space reasons, speedlight camera strobes are not included in this column but Flashpoint's Zoom Li-on speedlight (\$179) is worth mentioning because it's no larger than a traditional speedlight with the benefits of an external battery pack but without cables. Its full-power recycle time is less than 1.5 seconds, permitting fast, continuous shooting. One charge holds up to 650 fullpower shots with more at lower power. The flash head rotates 360 degrees, tilts more than 90 degrees, and the head zooms from 24mm to 105mm. It has manual mode, two optical slave modes, and a stroboscopic mode, with remote power control using the optional (\$29) Flashpoint Commander Receiver. In addition to TTL output for Canon or Nikon it offers HSS, exposure compensation, bracketing, automatic zoom, and flash exposure lock. It can also be used to control or be controlled by Canon or Nikon flashes for control via 16 channels and 16 groups.

8990 lumens, while maintaining a 95 CRI throughout the power range. The metal housing has detachable barn doors with available softboxes and honeycomb grids. In addition to manual and DMX controls, the lights include 2.4G radio and Wi-Fi systems, enabling users to control multiple units individually or simultaneously from their smartphone or tablet.

In the "now for something completely different department..." Westcott's Flex (\$599) is a pliable, dimmable, water-





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resistant 166 LED mat available in daylight and tungsten models. The tungsten version offers 1,600-lux output at one meter (3.28 feet) with a 98 CRI, while the daylight model offers 1,900-lux output with a 95 CRI. The bendable Westcott Flex measures 10x10 inches, has a moldable 1/4-inch black frame, and weighs five ounces.



Westcott Flex

When Westcott introduced the Ice Light, it was dubbed by some as The Lightsaber because that's what it looked like. Looks aside, the Ice Light was a versatile and unique LED light source. And like the new *Star Wars* movie coming this year, there's an Ice Light 2 (\$549) producing 1740 lumens at a CRI of 96. It weighs less than 20 ounces and the removable lithium-ion battery produces a 60+ minute runtime with 18-step dimming from 5 percent to 100 percent. The Ice Light 2 has built-in Bluetooth, clips for gels, and comes with a case.



The lightsaber form factor is catching on. In addition to Westcott's Ice Light, there's the slightly longer (21.8 vs. 20.25 inch) Sunpak 516 Photo/Video Dual Panel LED Light Stick (\$249). On one side, it's 5600K balanced with 3200K on the other side. The light runs on its lithium-ion battery for three hours at maximum power or 30 hours at minimum. Output can be adjusted via buttons on a grip that displays battery capacity and a button for switching between tungsten and daylight. The two-pound Sunpak 516 LED Light Stick comes with a case, charger, accessory hook, and an adapter to fit nearly any mount.





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When you think of Savage Universal, you automatically think of backgrounds but the company offers a full line of lighting equipment. Their 2000 Watt Location Light Kit (\$584) includes two LED lights, producing the equivalent of 1000 watts (each) of incandescent light or 13,000 lumens with the included reflectors while using only 100 watts of electricity and providing 50,000 hours of operation. Kit consists of two LED lights, two six-inch reflectors, two eight-foot light stands, two power cords, and one heavy-duty carrying case.



The Litepanels Astra 1x1 Bi-Color LED Panel (\$1,350) is four times brighter than the original Bi-Color 1x1. The latest model offers variable color temperatures from tungsten to daylight with "negligible" color shift, zero to 100 percent dimming, and an AC adapter. With the optional V-Mount or Gold Mount (\$140) battery plate, you can run it on 13 to 24v DC batteries. A cooling fan is provided or you can run silent turning the fan off. You can control Astra's functions with an optional DMX module. The Astra 1x1 Bi-Color comes with both US and EU power cables and a removable 5/8-inch TVMP connector for hanging or stand mounting.



#### **LUX AND OTHER LED BUZZWORDS**

When working with LED lighting you'll encounter terms like lux, lumens, and foot-candles. Lux is a unit of illumination equal to one lumen per square meter or the equivalent of 0.0929 foot-candles. LED's origins lie in the world of television and film and manufacturers adapted the technology to work for still photographers. Maybe that's why one of the first questions people ask me about using LED lighting for portraiture is, "Isn't the color bad?" Nope. One way you can tell is by comparing specifications. CRI (Color Rendering Index) measures a light source's ability to faithfully render an object's color compared to an ideal source. TLCI (Television Lighting Consistency Index) is a similar method comparing a standard set of colors under a test light to that from a perfect light source, producing a number ranging from zero to 100 with a perfect source having a TLCI of 100. A light source with a TLCI of 85 or higher is usable with little or no postproduction correction required.





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Manfrotto's LUMIE series of LED lights use bright Surface Mount Technology LEDs, producing accurate color (<94 CRI) and an "excellent" battery life and range in price from \$11 to \$119. They're powered by lithium-ion batteries, which can be recharged through a Micro USB port. LUMIE devices are small, the largest approximately the size of a pack of cards, and weigh 0.30 pounds, producing a round catchlight. Output control is via a dimming button, which doubles as an on-off switch. Each kit comes with a snap-fit filter mount and CTO and diffusing filters. A LUMIE friction-based ball head enables movement through 360 degrees horizontally and up to 35 degrees vertically. A mount lets you place it on a tripod, such as Manfrotto's Pixi, or slip onto a camera's hot shoe.





#### FLUORESCENT LIGHTING

The RGB spikes from fluorescent lighting closely match the receptive RGB spikes of imaging chips. When comparing fluorescent to tungsten, which is 93 percent heat and seven percent red light, fluorescent easily comes out ahead.

Manfrotto LUMIE

Impact's Octacool-9 fluorescent light with Octabox (\$259) uses nine daylightbalanced 28W lamps, producing 12,600 lumens at 3.3 feet. Five on-off switches on the fixture's back control the lamps, varying output in 1400

lumen increments. The heads mount on any light stand or grip gear with 5/8-inch studs. The bundled 29.5-inch Octabox has a removable front face and inner baffle, allowing switching from hard to soft light. The light head also comes with a removable aluminum reflector for bright, contrasty lighting. ■

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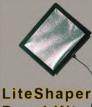
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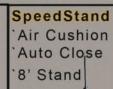
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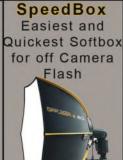
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#### **WESTCOTT TWO-LIGHT DAYLIGHT D5 SOFTBOX KIT**

GET COOL, SOFT LIGHT FOR PORTRAITS AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE POINT By Joe Farace THE TREND OF USING continuous light sources for portraiture that I saw at last year's WPPI show continues unabated with Westcott's Two-Light Daylight D5 Softbox Kit being the latest offering. The kit uses fluorescent bulbs as a light source, although that word barely appears in Westcott's early press material for the kit. Part of the reason may be that when it comes to photographs of people, fluorescent has a negative connotation but nothing could be further from the truth. The RGB spikes from fluorescent light closely match the receptive RGB spikes of imaging chips and when comparing fluorescent to tungsten lighting, which is 93 percent heat and 7 percent red light, fluorescent easily comes out the winner. Product shots courtesy of F.J. Westcott



For a shoot with Pamela Simpson, I tried a lighting ratio experiment. The lights were placed at a 60-degree angle from the Savage Infinity Photo Gray Vinyl Backdrop. My goal was to create three completely different lighting ratios without moving a light. The camera was a Panasonic Lumix GH4 with a Lumix G Vario 14-45mm f/3.5-5.6 image-stabilized lens (at 45mm).



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"For \$399, the kit includes two D5 light heads, two 24x32-inch Basic softboxes, 10 27-watt daylight-fluorescent lamps, and two 6.5-foot light stands. The softboxes have a reflective silver lining to maximize output with heat-resistant rods that mount on receptacles on the D5's head."



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Film noir is usually thought of as a black-and-white medium but I challenge that assumption as Alfred Hitchcock's 1958 film *Vertigo* literally explodes with color. Here, two Westcott D5 heads are placed on either side of the subject, creating an atypical portrait lighting setup but one more noir with mood being enhanced by slight underexposure at 1/100 second at f/4 and ISO 640.

#### IN THE KIT

The basic building block of the Two-Light Daylight D5 Softbox Kit is the D5 head. Made of nylon, the head weighs a little over two pounds and is UL and CE certified. The D5 features five ceramic light sockets, each supporting up to a 50-watt lamp. The D5 head has five illuminated power switches arranged in a row across its back, each controlling a single lamp.

Basic human engineering suggests arranging them in a pattern identical to the sockets to minimize guessing, especially when initially using the system. Ultimately you'll remember which switch turns on what bulb. The D5 has a built-in tilter bracket for positioning and a heavyduty, 13-foot cord with an in-line power switch that I would have preferred located on the D5's back.

For \$399, the kit includes two D5 light heads, two 24x32-inch Basic softboxes, 10 27-watt daylight-fluorescent lamps, and two 6.5-foot light stands. The softboxes have a reflective silver lining to maximize output with heat-resistant rods that mount on receptacles on the D5's head. It all comes in a 10x12x29-inch box that has a handle so it can double as a carrying case, at least for a short time. For the location photographer, a more lasting solution might be a Lightware C6032 32-inch Cargo Case (\$173) that will hold all that gear with room left over for accessories and an extension cord or two.

#### **SET UP**

It is after all a kit, so some assembly is required. The light stands are, well, lightweight and while seemingly adequate







For the first series of shots (middle) the D5 heads were set at full power-all five lights on. For the second series (right), the light at camera left had one bulb illuminated and for the third (left), the light at camera right had only one bulb lit. Exposure was controlled by the main light, varying only slightly between the three photographs, and was 1/80 second at f/5.6 and ISO 640. The differences, while subtle, show changes in lighting ratio can be made by the selective use of the number of bulbs turned off or on.

for the task at hand, one of them had a slight bend from the weight of the D5 lamp head/softbox combo. Since the kit is aimed at the aspiring pro this might be acceptable in the short run but if you plan to seriously use the kit an upgrade to Westcott's own Pro eight-foot Free Sliding light stand (\$35) or something similar would be in order.

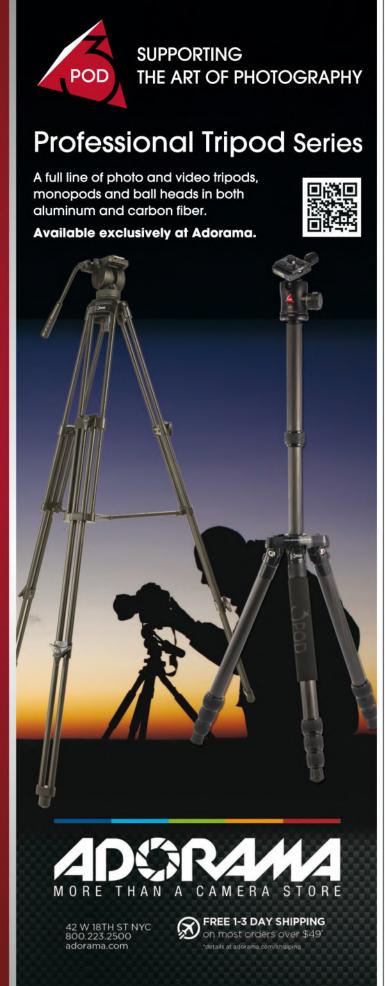
After mounting the D5 lamp head atop a stand, open the softbox components. Install the rods by first insetting into the fabric housing with the plastic tips pushed into the pockets on the softbox's edges. To mount, insert the rods in the first hole, off the center hole, at the D5's top and bottom. Do this before inserting the bulbs and obviously before installing the softbox's front diffuser. Screw in the bulbs and handle them carefully to avoid using the pig tail end, although that's easier said than done. Then install the front diffuser but first turn it inside out from how it comes out of the bag so the Velcro tabs mate with their siblings on the softbox's exterior.

There are no Guide Numbers for the D5 if only because standard formulas ignore the effect of shutter speed on the total amount of light striking the camera's sensor. Measuring the output of one D5/ softbox at 10 feet with a Gossen Luna-Star F produced an exposure of 1/60 second at f/2.8 and ISO 400, which I thought was surprisingly good, compared to some of the moderately and low-priced LED studio lights that I've previously tested. The light from the D5/softbox appears intense but when I tried to use the combo during a boudoir portrait session to balance bright window light, it couldn't quite handle the challenge, although I was ultimately pleased with the final lighting produced during that session.

#### IN THE STUDIO

For my shoot with Pamela Simpson, I found the quality of the light from the D5/







In Vertigo, designer Edith Head often puts Kim Novak in a gray suit and with Pamela Simpson's hair color a virtual match for Ms. Novak's, I attempted to produce an homage to the film. The pose suggests Ms. Novak's raw sensuality and was photographed with a Panasonic Lumix GH4 and a Leica DG Macro-Elmarit 45mm f/2.8 lens. After retouching, I used Alien Skin Software's Exposure plug-in with the 2-Strip Technicolor preset to echo the vibrant Technicolor used by cinematographer Robert Burks in the film. A light layer of the Glamour Glow filter was used to mimic the soft focus often used in movie close-ups of that era.

softbox combo to be beautifully soft and neutral. Checking the color spectrum output with a pocket spectrometer showed a thin black band (gap) in green and a dark gray one in red, which to be fair could be caused by the color of the front diffuser's fabric.

When the D5/softbox was placed too close to a black backdrop it produced a magenta cast along the edge. It's likely that the green spectrum in one or more of the lamps was higher than the blue and red components so when the camera white balanced for the extra green, spill onto the background crossed over as magenta. On the other hand, the unintentional RF interference that some fluorescent lamps produce during video capture was not present when shooting test footage at shutter speeds from  $1/30\ to\ 1/500$  second. At the same time I had no qualms about the real-word neutral quality of the light produced.

I recently received a Savage Translum background that looks like frosted glass and is available in rolls of 54 inches wide by 18



This split image shows the final image on the left half while the "as captured" right half shows that when the D5/softbox (at camera right) was placed a little too close to the black backdrop, it produced a magenta cast along its right edge. Converting the image to black and white solved the problem and may seem like a cop-out but it was true to my original vision for the portrait. As the effect is clearly visible on the LCD (or EVF), simply moving the light a little further away from the background should solve the problem.



Most boudoir photography is shot as environmental portraiture but I still get many requests from clients who want to shoot in the studio, if only for privacy reasons. The main light is at camera right with the second light behind the subject and the background swapped for a Savage Infinity Black Vinyl Backdrop. It was shot with a Panasonic Lumix GH4 and a Leica DG Macro-Elmarit 45mm f/2.8 lens with an exposure of 1/30 second at f/4 and ISO 640. Captured in Raw, converted to monochrome with Silver Efex Pro, and layered with the Glamour Glow filter from Color Efex Pro.

feet. Translum is made from Mylar and can be framed or hung on a background stand

I was concerned that placing a D5 head with all five of its lights turned on would not be bright enough to sufficiently illuminate the Translum background but when used with the other D5 it created wonderfully room-filling light, though admittedly an exposure compensation of plus two stops was required to achieve proper exposure and balance both the front and back lights.

#### CONCLUSION

Considering this kit's price point, there is a lot of lighting value to be found in the Two-Light Daylight D5 Softbox Kit. Overall it boils down to that for the money, the quality of the light produced by Westcott's kit is impressive. ■

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### PROFOTO B2

THIS SMALL LIGHT REALLY PACKS A PUNCH By Steve Bedell





I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY to spend a couple of weeks with the Profoto B2 Location Kit. Said kit contains one power supply with two batteries, two flash heads, a carrying bag, and more. Profoto also sent me a bunch of light-shaping tools to experiment with.

To be truthful, the B2 was not what I expected. Since I have previously tested the Profoto B1, I thought the B2 would be some type of evolutionary update. Guess I should have looked at the specs first because it is not. Not to worry, the B2 is a totally different animal that looks to carve out a unique niche. So let's take a look at what it is, what it can do for you, and if it's something you may want to add to your equipment list.

#### WHAT IT IS

In Profoto's own words, the B2 is not a speedlight or a monolight. It's a new kind of light "combining the best of both worlds." So my job is to figure out if this is true or if it is just the marketing department trying to hype their latest product, because in my experience, products that try to succeed in two different areas usually end up being a compromise in each.

So I charged up the B2's batteries, started fiddling with the power pack and the supplied Air Remote TTL-N for Nikon and went to work. Like everything from Profoto, the build quality and finish is excellent. High-quality plastic is used throughout, along with some glass





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and metal. The flash heads themselves are very small and lightweight and the supplied light shapers were very easy to mount and use. One very unique feature is the bright LED modeling light. Most battery-powered flash units won't work with modeling lights since they deplete the battery too quickly but the new age of LEDs draw much less power. It should be noted that the modeling lights are tungsten-balanced, not daylight.

#### WHO'S IT FOR?

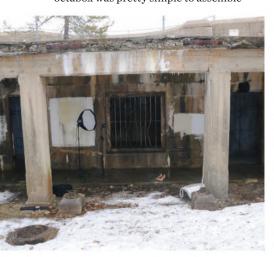
The B2 lights are aimed at the wedding and event photographer who can throw the battery pack on their shoulder, mount the light head over their flash using a bracket and at 250Ws have three to four times the power that most speedlights can muster.

Exposure is manual or TTL, recycle time is a fast 1.3 seconds at full power, and you have the option of throwing up an umbrella or octabox quickly for some portrait work. You even have the option of using two lights, although the power is cut in half for each light. You even have the option of using High Speed Sync (HSS).

Specs are great but let's see how things work in the field.

#### MODEL SHOOT

I met my model Raeme Jean at a location on the seacoast in New Hampshire. It was quite cold at the time and snow still covered most of the ground, so it was nice to not have to lug around lots of big and heavy lighting gear. Once I scouted out the location and found the spot I wanted to use, I set up one light head on a stand with an octabox. I like umbrellas on location simply because they are so quick and easy to use. Boxes are sometimes a huge pain to put together and I don't like to be fumbling around with gear while my model waits, especially in the cold. But the Profoto octabox was pretty simple to assemble







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with its color-coded holes, so I snapped everything up and went to work.

My first step was to meter the ambient light. I had decided I wanted to have the flash overpower the daylight by about one stop. This is a great way to use flash to get great color and control your light direction but not really scream off-camera flash like when you really overpower the daylight. In effect, you are using the daylight as fill and the flash as your main light.

I used the B2 in TTL mode, took a test shot and pretty much had the effect I was looking for with no adjustments to the flash via the Air Remote. If I wanted more power from the B2, I'd just add power by using the Plus buttons on the controller. Less, I'd just subtract. I had plenty of power to shoot, especially since I used a moderate f/stop, 5.6, at ISO 400. Ambient exposure was 1/125 second at a little over f/4; I took the image at 1/125 second at f/5.6. This darkens the background slightly when exposed correctly for the flash. A Nikon D3 with a Tamron 28-75mm lens was used at 28mm.

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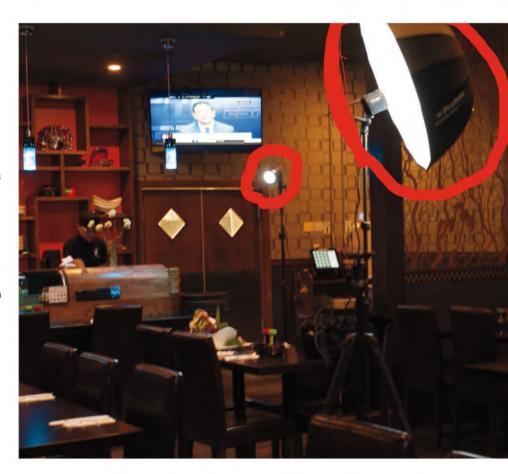


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Then I wanted to use the power of the B2 lights to create a little drama. I took Raeme to a rock where I could get below her and shoot up. I made sure there was another rock to place the light on where the light would be higher than her, as I don't like the light to come from underneath. I used no light-shaping tools, just the bare flash head. I set to ISO 400 to get a proper exposure on her face, which was 1/200 second at f/5.6. With this setting I'd have a nice exposure on her but the clouds would be barely visible because of overexposure. Still on TTL mode, I dialed in a plus 1 and took the shot at more than two stops less, 1/250 second at f/11, using my Nikon D3 with a Sigma 17-35mm lens at 25mm. I laid on the ground to get the angle I wanted. By then she was frozen so we got out of there!

#### **RESTAURANT SHOOT**

This time I chose to use the B2 at a location job at a new restaurant that just opened in my town. I thought the sushi chef showing off some of his wares would make an interesting photo. For my first image, I set him up in the restaurant with his workstation behind him. It was pretty dim in there so I wanted to dial the light







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down from the B2 so I'd still be able to show the environment. If I shot at 1/200 second at f/11 or so, the background would go black. So I chose ISO 400 and set the exposure to 1/15 second at f/4. This kept the exposure in the background, so I set my main B2 with a Profoto White Umbrella Deep and manually adjusted the







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exposure from the Air Remote controller. After I was satisfied with that I added a second light with a 20-degree grid as an accent light. I powered that way down to just create a little depth and dimension and separate him from the background. I used a Nikon D3 and a 50mm Nikkor lens.

For the second shot I used this interesting wall. Keeping the light source out was a major issue so this time I used

one B2 head with the 20-degree grid. It did show in the image but it matched some of the other lights so I could leave it or remove it. I took it out. It was darker in this area so I bumped up my ISO to 800 and shot at 1/15 second at f/5 using the Tamron 28-75mm lens at 28mm. I wanted to get in close with the short lens to emphasize the food. I manually dialed the flash power down.

#### THE VERDICT

You can test specs in a controlled environment all you like but getting out there and using gear is the best way to evaluate if it makes sense for you. In my short time with the Profoto B2 kit I found many things to like and of course there were also a few things that I'd change.

On the plus side, it's very lightweight and compact, especially the light heads themselves. It has plenty of power for most situations, although it may come up a little short in some HSS situations in bright light that demand even more power. But for most situations, you've got the power.

The Air Remote works flawlessly. It really combines with Profoto B1 and B2 light systems to give complete control

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The battery lasts quite a long time with over 200 full-power flashes and quick recycling to boot. The modeling light is a big plus, especially in areas like the dark restaurant I was in. No more focus hunting. And, of course, the fact that we now have TTL available off-camera is quite an asset. This just may be the ideal rig for a wedding photographer where you can easily switch from on-camera flash to off-camera and even have two lights available if needed.

One other big plus to this system is the availability of many unique Profoto light shapers, from many types of umbrellas and boxes to grids and hard reflectors. Many new tools were created specifically for the B2.

Of course, there are a few areas I'd like to see some changes. I was sent a Boomerang bracket with the kit but the Nikon D3 was too tall to swing the arm to vertical. Horizontal shots, no problem, but check out your brackets carefully for your camera. This is not a Profoto issue but one I thought I'd bring to your attention.

Perhaps my biggest issue is with the cable length. It's only about six feet. With a tall light stand you can't even keep the power pack on the ground, as it will be hanging. And that's with one light. That means the second light has to be within a few feet. For the restaurant shot I did with two lights, I put the power pack on a table about three feet off the floor halfway between the lights. It really limits the usefulness of the light, especially using two. Profoto does sell a three-meter extension cable; I think the original cable should be longer or at least include the extension with the kit.

Of course, there is one thing that always comes up with Profoto gear: price. This great engineering and build quality comes with a substantial price tag. The B2 Location Kit with two heads comes in at \$2,995, as of this writing. A single light kit is \$2,195. The Air Remote is about \$400.

If you're already invested in Profoto lights, you may already have the Air Remote and some accessories. If not, you're looking at a sizable sum to get started

The bottom line is that Profoto seems to have created a unique product that will be used for many years by the professional wedding and location photographer. This setup will allow him or her to easily create beautiful lighting quickly. I'd call it a wedding photographer's dream!

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#### PENTAX K-3 II REVIEW

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RICOH IMAGING INTRODUCED the 24-megapixel Pentax K-3 II DSLR earlier this year. The Pentax K-3 II is the successor to the K-3 from 2013 and while it shares some features with that model, it adds a few new tricks, including an improved shake reduction system, a new high-speed AF algorithm, and built-in GPS.

#### **CAMERA BUILD & LAYOUT**

The Pentax K-3 II is a relatively large and robust camera (nearly 28 ounces) that is extensively sealed to withstand the elements. Its body is based on a stainless steel chassis and covered by a rubberized material that affords an excellent grip. The camera uses a 24MP APS-C-sized image sensor without a low-pass filter for maximum image sharpness.

As a professional camera, the K-3 II offers a large and illuminated status display on the top that shows important parameter settings like image size, file format, exposure settings, battery status, and which one of the two (or both) card slots are active. The camera offers two SD card slots and worked well with all of our test cards, Sony's SDHC and Toshiba's newest "Exceria Pro UHS-II" cards. The card slots can be used in different ways: for example, the photographer can use slot 1 for Raw images and slot 2 for JPEGs or one card system for recording stills and the second for recording videos.

The Pentax K-3 II has a large mode dial on its top. In addition to full automatic and standard modes with aperture or shutter speed priority, it offers additional modes like "Shutter & Aperture Priority (TAv)," three user-defined settings, X-Speed mode for taking images with a flash system, and bulb mode for time exposure shots.

Two setup dials, one near the shutter release button and the second on the back, allow the user to set up all parameters quickly and easily. A standard four-way button control field allows access to the many menu items, which reads out on a large 3.2-inch LCD screen that offers a resolution of 1,040,000 RGB dots. The LCD can be used as an electronic viewfinder by pressing the LV button on the back. The camera offers two live preview settings for photo and video recording. In video mode the LCD shows a 16:9 crop of the image. The optical viewfinder is very large and bright and offers 100 percent field of view, which is very helpful for image composition.

#### FEATURES & PERFORMANCE

The camera has a built-in image stabilizer based on sensor shift technology. This allows for use of the stabilizer system with every lens mounted on the K-3 II. The



The camera has a very large status LCD on the top. The mode dial on the left-hand side offers standard modes and direct access to bulb and flash sync modes.



The LCD on the back is very large (3.2 inches) and has a high resolution of 1,040,000 RGB dots. Changing image parameters and menu navigation is very comfortable. The camera offers a four-way control field and two setup dials (one above the cursor field, another near the shutter release button).



The new Pentax has a lot of interfaces. It uses a very fast USB 3.0 port for image and video data transfer to a PC, an HDMI port, and many more.



Numerous function elements on the left-hand side of the body are very helpful. The camera offers a special button to change instantly between Raw and JPEG image mode, for example.



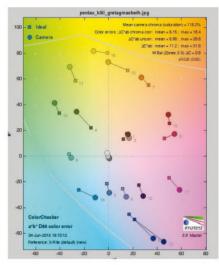
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moveable sensor offers a special "Pixel Shift Resolution" mode. In this mode, it takes four images in which every image is shifted by the size of a pixel to both sides, up and down. These four images are combined to a final 24MP image that uses all the pixels for RGB color information and creates images without color interpolation or moiré effects.

Basically, this system is comparable to the pixel shift system of the Olympus OM-D E-M5 Mark II, but isn't used to create images with higher resolution. (Note: The Olympus utilizes the pixel shift system to create 40MP images from its 16MP sensor.)

Startup time of the Pentax K-3 II is a bit slow, but all other functions are quite fast. The AF system uses 27 AF sensors, including 25 cross-type sensors. The user can activate multi-AF mode using nine AF sensors or spot AF metering; in all, it allows for a very versatile setup of the AF system.

The camera offers a GPS system, but a Wi-Fi module is missing. The camera can use Pentax FluCards for wireless image transfer and for use of a smartphone as a wireless remote trigger.

#### COMMENTS ON IMAGE QUALITY

Color: Just like all Pentax SLRs, the K-3 II reproduced the color test chart with very high saturation (118.2 percent). Blue nuances are considerably boosted, although red colors have a surprisingly low saturation. These effects are caused by the factory set color mode: when we changed this mode to "Natural" the saturation was tamed to 105-110 percent. The white balance system did a good job. Only the brightest



The camera showed detailed and rich reproductions of the test scene. Colors look very natural, with only the very high saturation of blue nuances visible in the blue spool in the upper right.

nuances are shifted in a more vellow and green direction. All colors have a natural look (apart from the highly saturated blue nuances) and skin tones are very good. Sharpness: All test images were taken with the HD PENTAX DA 16-85mm f/3.5-5.6 ED DC WR lens. In combination with this lens the camera showed an excellent performance in our resolution test and reproduced the test chart with 3,903 lines per picture height (sensor resolution: 4,000 lpph). The detail reproduction is partly the result of the missing lowpass filter and partly from an intense image sharpness filtering by the image processor. This was noticeable in our test images, which have a slight "artificial" look. Nevertheless, the fine details of the standard test box shot are clearly visible, aided by the very high and clearly defined differentiation of colors.

Noise: The camera showed a high luminance noise result at ISO 100. This noise result declines in images taken with ISO 200 to 1600 because the anti-noise filtering becomes more intense. Color noise is very low in images taken with ISO 100 to 3200. The combination of noise artifacts and anti-noise filtering becomes visible in images at ISO 3200 and higher and becomes quite annoying in the ISO 25,600 and ISO 51,200 range. Details are reduced severely in the ISO 25,600 and ISO 51,200 range, although up to ISO 12,800 images look good.

The dynamic noise results are excellent. The camera gained a maximum of 12 f/stops in ISO 200 mode and keeps a high level of more than 10 f/stops up to ISO 3200. At the highest ISO settings dynamic

range decreases drastically down to  $6.64 \, f/s$  stops at ISO 51,200.

#### COMMENTS ON VIDEO FUNCTIONS

The Pentax K-3 II offers Full HD video recording with frame rates up to 30 progressive frames per second or videos in interlaced modes (50i/60i). In HD video mode with 1280x720 pixels the camera is able to record with 50 and 60 progressive frames per second. It doesn't offer a cinema or Blu-ray mode with 24 frames per second. All videos are recorded in QuickTime format as MOV files with H.264 compression. Video files can be recorded on SD cards in card slot 1 or card slot 2; the LCD menu allows the user to set up the desired slot.

To record videos the photographer has to move the live preview switch on the back of the K-3 II from photo to video position and press the LV/video record button near the optical viewfinder.

The camera allows for use of manual exposure settings for video recordings. Exposure modes are changed in the video menu on the LCD screen, not by setting of the mode dial on the top. When choosing manual exposure modes the aperture size and shutter speed are changed with the help of the two setup dials on the front and the back of the camera. The camera also allows for manual ISO speed settings, although the limit in video is ISO 3200. The Pentax also offers manual sound level control in 20 steps and shows sound level bars on the LCD for better sound control. It also has a 3.5mm jack for recording videos with an external microphone that can be mounted on the accessory shoe on the top.







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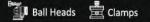
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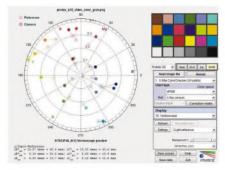


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The color reproduction in video mode is fine. Just like in photo mode, the saturation is very high, but the photographer can choose "Natural" for more realistic color reproduction.

#### COMMENTS ON VIDEO QUALITY

Compared to the results in photo mode, the results in video mode are really disappointing. The resolution result is very poor: the camera reproduced the test chart with only 574 lines per picture height in Full HD mode (1,080 lpph) and created very soft-looking images. The results of the dynamic range tests are also very poor. The camera gained a maximum of only 6.26 f/stops. The noise results are on a good level and can be compared to the noise results in photo mode between ISO 100 and ISO 3200.



Reproduction of skin tones is very good. The red fabric of the T-shirt shows high color differentiation and sharp reproduction of fine details. The hair structure has a very natural look.

The color reproduction in video mode is fine. Just like in photo mode, the saturation is very high, but the photographer can choose "Natural" for

more realistic color reproduction. There is very good performance of the white balance system, which shows only a minor shift of the white and brightest gray color pattern into the yellow/green direction. This is comparable to the result of the K-3 II in photo mode. ■

The Pentax K-3 II has a list price of \$1,099 (body only). For more information, visit www.us.ricoh-imaging.com.

#### **PROS**

- Robust, sealed body
- High-resolution results; pixel shift system yields images without moiré effects
- Fast and flexible AF system
- Highly configurable
- GPS module

- Poor video results
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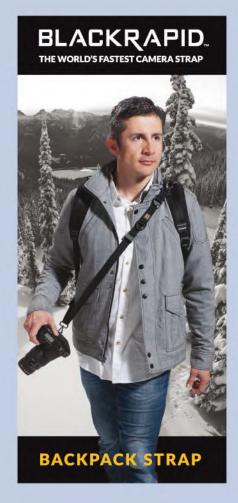
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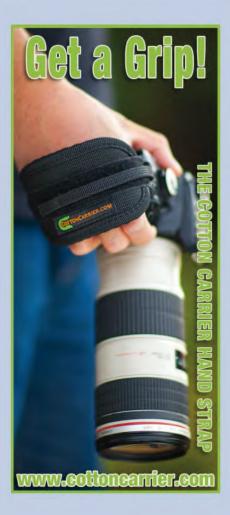












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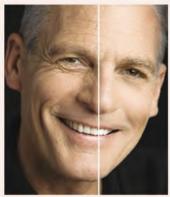












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# **IN A FLASH**

# ADAM SAVITCH GETS MAXIMUM IMPACT FROM MINIMAL LIGHTING By Jack Neubart

DIVIDING HIS TIME BETWEEN his New York City and Paris studios, photographer Adam Savitch specializes in still life and motion studies for advertising and editorial clients, often with an avant-garde mindset. When it comes to lighting, Savitch believes in the old adage "less is more." He doesn't throw a light at every nook and cranny of his tabletop sets. Instead he mostly employs only one light and finesses its effect on the subject.

#### STILL LIFE STYLE

Savitch's love of photography started early. "I've been an admirer of still life photography ever since I was a kid," Savitch recalled. "I started in photography at 13, taking my mom's Nikon and making it my own."

In high school, Savitch built a darkroom in his parents' basement and took photography classes one summer at SUNY Buffalo. He then majored in photography at the NYU School of Arts and started assisting upon graduation.

But it wasn't long before the international photography scene drew his attention, taking him to Holland. "I'd known some designers who wanted to move away from commercial still life and do work that was more groundbreaking and more interesting, artistically speaking. So my career as a photographer actually began in Amsterdam." He soon gravitated to Paris, where he'd spent time as a youth.

Working in Europe helped Savitch bring a certain zest to his photography, as he explained: "I found Europe very accepting

#### PERSONAL

Adam Savitch's assistant fired a BB gun at the bottle. The sound triggered the strobe via a remote triggering device. Lighting consisted of a diffused Broncolor head with a P70 reflector from above. "You lay a lot of plastic on the floor to catch the liquid." The backdrop is black velour.

of a diversity of photographic styles. Europeans were, and still are, very open to exploring and trying new things, always going into a shoot with an open mind."

#### **KEEPING IT SIMPLE**

Savitch defines the work he does as "high-end, commercial tabletop/still life, centered on luxury-brand cosmetics, alcoholic beverages, and fine jewelry. I like to push the envelope and test a lot. I like to do conceptual work as well, trying to boil things down to their simplest elements. Sometimes it's just about the silhouette of an object, seeing the outline of something against black or white, rather than seeing what it really is." His "stroboscopic" technique (see below) takes that concept to the next level.

Savitch's lighting has much to do with how he envisions his projects. "My personal taste in lighting has always been to opt for the simpler, more natural approach. I learned in school that you could achieve a great deal with just one light. I've fine-tuned this methodology over the years as my personal visual sense has evolved."

What does his lighting involve? "Very rarely is it straight, hard lighting. But I don't use softboxes or octas. Instead I soften my light with Roscolux diffusion material inside a frame. That gives me the flexibility to shape the light as needed. So depending on which reflector I'm using and how dense that diffusion material is, I can have the light more concentrated or

softer; I can change the contrast just by moving that head closer to or farther away from the diffusion material." Throw in one or two fill cards and you pretty much have a Savitch set, if you'll permit us to oversimplify.

#### STROBOSCOPIC TECHNIQUE

One of his trademark techniques is what Savitch describes as "stroboscopic," except that it's not stroboscopic in the traditional sense. "When I first started this technique, which involved a long exposure and firing my Broncolor flash at different rates on different parts of the object at different times, it was with regular household items, not necessarily geared toward commercial shoots. My aim was just to create a stunning image that was about light and shape and form in some abstract manner. The technique caught the eye of my French clients, who immediately envisioned how to integrate it into a promotional campaign."

The stroboscopic procedure involves intricate preparation. "My team has built rigs starting with the set on a table with wheels, or sometimes that may go on top of a lazy Susan. Other times, I'll just use my technical camera and swing the front and rear standards during the exposure, which lets me keep the subject stationary, especially in situations where the subject on set is delicately balanced and can't be moved. This entire exposure takes only one second."

#### **GETTING IN SYNC**

Savitch also likes to work with pours, splashes, and explosions, where timing is everything. How does he time when to release the shutter? "That's a good question," he responded. "My prop

#### HIS FAVORITE LIGHTING TOOL

"My Bron Pulso heads have throughout my career proven to be the most universal tool I own," Savitch says. "The focusing knob allows me to modify the intensity and contrast of my light. And then diffusion does the rest. That and a fill card or mirror. Most of my scenarios can be achieved with only one or two lights."





CLIENT: AVON

This shot is a composite of long and short exposures involving a pair of rotating bowls (one inside the other), positioned slightly off-center, on a revolving platform. The wash of white light comes from a tiny battery-powered LED positioned inside the bowls. There was a red gel in front of the key light source, which was positioned behind the bowls, adding the red streaks. Each element, including the cream at the top of the jar, had to be photographed individually. The jar was lit with one diffused flash head and a couple of mirrors.



CLIENT: "CARTIER ART" MAGAZINE

This image involves two shots. "In one shot I lit the rings with diffusion and fill cards, with just one light. Then, by moving or removing various fill cards, I was able to change the lighting a little bit for the second shot. I programmed the Broncolor pack to fire off several flashes within a certain amount of time, at specified intervals, and added a delay to give me time to move the front and rear standards the proper distance."



#### PERSONAL

"Prop maker Aran Tharp worked for a week to develop a formula that would be clear and strong enough to form a gelatin cube, three or four inches per side, that could be reshaped on demand, with a flower inside, without destroying the integrity of the cube or flower." The way Savitch reshaped the cube was to press down on it and twist using a sheet of clear glass that sits on the top surface (the glass being invisible in the shot). One heavily diffused strobe head from above and a little bit to the right, plus a fill card on the left, illuminated the cube, which sat on a white Plexi base.

maker, Brian Byrne Productions (www. setinice.com), has tested numerous timing mechanisms and custom-designed systems employing various types of pumps, motors, and pneumatic devices that we'll use. We'll trigger the lights by motion, vibration, or infrared—each depending on the situation." The remote high-speed triggering systems come from the Kapture Group (www.kapturegroup.com).

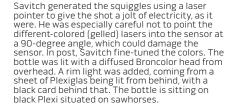
He explained the process: "I should clarify that the remote trigger fires the flash, not the camera. We'll work in the dark and I'll open the shutter. Then we may, for instance, fire a BB gun at a bottle, and that noise will set off the flash by way

of the triggering mechanism.

"In addition, we'll loosen up a bit and do things by eye, manually. And surprisingly enough, sometimes that's when we get the best results. But to answer your question, we usually use a combination of approaches: remote triggering to maintain a certain amount of consistency and then visually by eye, once we have the shot down, to get some variation. We composite the final image from the best elements (water spray, for instance) taken from the various exposures."

#### **FLASH FREEZING**

To capture those stop-action shots, Savitch



CLIENT: AVON

employs Broncolor Grafit A4 power packs, with Pulso focusable heads, usually with the standard P70 reflector. He points out: "When you have to freeze action, it's the speed of the flash, not the shutter speed, that dictates how frozen that image appears." And that's precisely where these packs enter the picture. Various grip equipment (magic arms, Avenger stands, articulated arms) also comes into play. "Sometimes some armature wire, hot glue, and a Plexiglas block are all I need—you can do a lot with that."

Savitch shoots with a Hasselblad and Leaf Aptus-II 12R 80MB digital back tethered to a Mac, stopping down to what he'd determined is the sweet spot for his lenses: f/16 at 1/3, shooting at ISO 50.

He doesn't use HDR, explaining, "In the studio, you light to achieve that full tonal range. So I control my contrast and fill on set. What I do use as an additional utility is Helicon Focus focus-stacking software (www.heliconsoft.com)." For Raw processing, Savitch turns to Phase One's Capture One, in which he'll run LCC profiles for his lenses. For color balance, he uses a gray card and Macbeth ColorChecker Passport, both on set. His gear is largely the same in New York and Paris.

To see more of Adam Savitch's work, visit www.adamsavitch.com.



#### WHAT'S IN SAVITCH'S GEAR BOX

- > Leaf Aptus-II 12R
- > Sinar 120mm Macro retrofitted with Copal shutter
- > Broncolor Grafit A4 power pack
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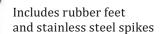
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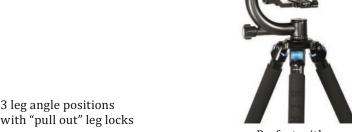
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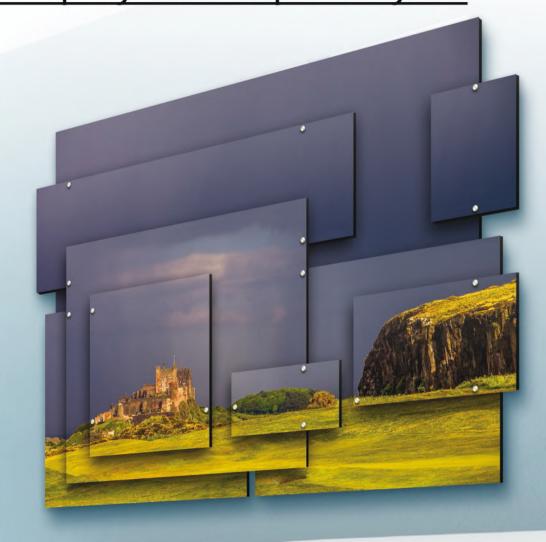


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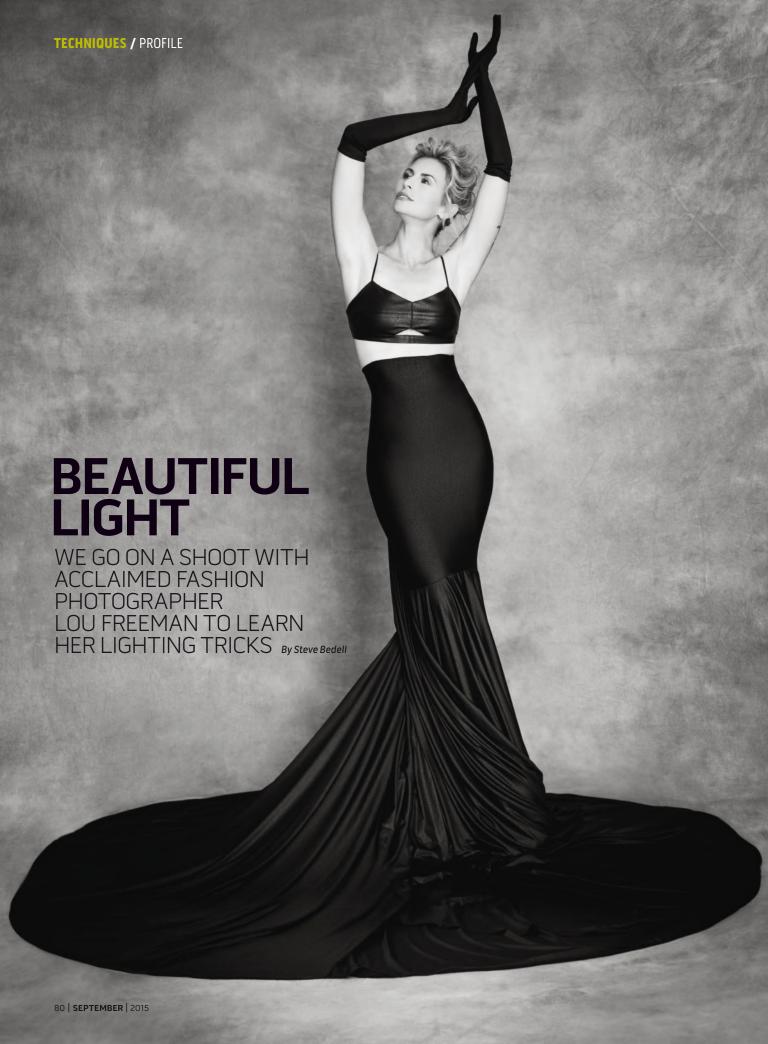
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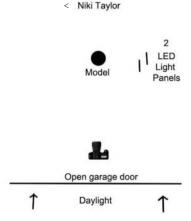
I was fortunate enough to be Freeman's assistant during her four-day workshop at the New England Institute of Professional Photography (NEIPP) held annually in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. During that time, I watched and helped out as about 10 other pro photographers learned the Lou Freeman method of creating images.

#### NO SHORTCUTS

Perhaps the first thing you learn is that there are no shortcuts, or "good enough" just doesn't cut it in Freeman's world. Every aspect of the final image, from the hair and makeup, background selection, props, lights, etc., needs to be spot on or it just isn't going to work. And since this issue is all about light, we are going to see just how important each light and modifier is to each image.

First, hats off to EP Levine of Waltham, Massachusetts, for supplying us with mounds of equipment. Our Bowens 500R lights were augmented by just about every modifier they make, from strip boxes and grids to octaboxes and Fresnels and beauty dishes. Throw in some LED 1x1 lights and scrims for daylight shooting and you can see we had enough gear to tackle just about any lighting scenario possible!

Freeman comes from a different starting point when it comes to setting up lights. As a portrait guy, I'm usually thinking about a typical four-light setup: main, fill, background, and hair. Freeman comes from a different direction. Her first consideration is to highlight what is important in the image and build from there.



Portfolio image for supermodel Niki Taylor taken with a mixture of daylight streaming in from an open garage door and Bi-Color LED light panels on tungsten to accentuate the dress. All images taken with a Canon EOS 5D Mark III. Technical info: 50mm f/1.4 lens, ISO 250, 1/60 second at f/5.6.





Fashion shoot for Gucci. Lit using two Kino Flo Diva-Lites, one for the model's face and the other for fabric. Three Lowel Omni-Lights were used to enhance the background.

Oftentimes it's a commercial shoot and since she's been working with the client she knows ahead of time what will be featured. In the case of model and people photography, Freeman will work to emphasize the best features of a person and also use lighting and posing to disguise features that you may not want to call attention to.

#### HOW TO LIGHT A MODEL SHOOT

Let's go through a typical model shoot like we did at the workshop. First, we chose costumes/clothing for the model. Next we chose a background that worked with the model and clothing/props. Then it was on to hair and makeup.

Since hair and makeup take a considerable amount of time, once the above decisions had been made, it was time to set up the lighting. Depending on the look we were going for, the light could be anywhere from one light to six or eight.

While many photographers like the soft light from a larger softbox, Freeman eschews them in favor of harder, smaller light modifiers. The only boxes we used were strip lights with egg crate grids so we could carefully control the direction and spread

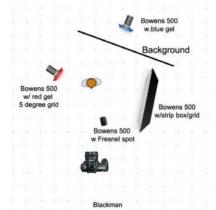


#### THE STORY OF NEIPP

The Professional Photographers of America (PPA), which hosted this Lou Freeman workshop, has 15 affiliate schools across the country and one in the Bahamas. NEIPP (New England Institute of Professional Photography) is held once a year in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. It came into being in 1961 as a committee of the Professional Photographers Association of New England (PPANE) and is currently the oldest established PPA affiliate school. Its mission is to provide students with a high level of education in photography by using classroom instruction and real-world experience provided by world-class instructors. Each year it offers several two-day and four-day classes covering many aspects of professional photography, from lighting and posing to business and Photoshop. Classes are available at many levels, from beginner courses to master classes for experienced pros. For further information, visit neipp.com.

of the light. The strip boxes were also used as bottom lights in a "clamshell" setup with a harder source like a beauty dish as the top light. And while most photographers use beauty dishes directly above camera position, Freeman often uses them as the main light source in many different positions.

We used some other modifiers that you won't find in most current studios like an adjustable Fresnel lens that gave us the ability to adjust the light from a wide source to a very tight spot. We even added barn doors to the light reflectors for more control



Taken for an album cover for singer Sarah Blackman for a Korean release, inspired by an anime character. Three Bowens 500R lights were used, one with a Fresnel spot on her face, one with a strip box with an egg crate grid for her legs, and one with a fivedegree spot with red gel for accent on the side of her face. A fourth Bowens 500R with blue gel was placed behind the background. Technical info: 50mm f/1.4 lens, ISO 100, 1/60 second at f/4.5.

and also worked with a spot attachment for directing a very precise beam of light.

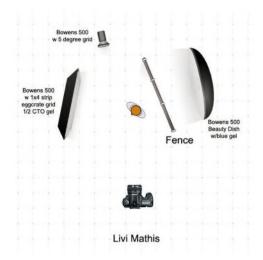
Of course, having all this great equipment at your disposal doesn't mean much if you don't know what to do with it! And that's why the class was there.

#### THE RIGHT EXPOSURE

When Freeman approaches a set, she starts building one light at a time. Maybe she'll use an octabox as the main light source, a



Model Livi Mathis does Steampunk in this fashion shoot. Three Bowens 500R lights were used. Main light is a 1x4 strip with an egg crate grid and a CTO gel. Spot in back has a five-degree grid and a beauty dish with blue gel used to light from behind the fencing. Technical info: 85mm f/1.4 lens, ISO 320, 1/60 second at f/9.



strip from underneath, a spot on the background, and a couple of accent lights from behind. One thing that I had not seen before was her mixing flash with LED lights. Since flash has much more power, we would dial the power settings way down and set our exposure taking the LED lights into consideration as well.

Speaking of exposure, like me, Freeman is a big believer in light meters. Having a good reliable meter allows you to create the exact lighting ratios as you set up, instead of constantly adjusting

#### **CAPTURING TIFFANY**

Here's an example of a model shoot with Tiffany Hill who we captured during our week at NEIPP. This is a six-light setup. The model was lit with a Bowens 500R with a beauty dish and a grid. One Limelite Mosaic LED panel was placed on each side of the model. A Bowens 500R with a strip box was camera left and slightly behind the model. Two other Bowens 500R lights were used as accents from behind, and the camera right light has an amber gel. Makeup was by Rosangela McCann. Shot with a Nikon D3 and a Nikkor 80-200mm f/2.8 lens; ISO 640, 1/60 second at f/8, 92mm. Note: A relatively high ISO was used to allow the LED light panels to also contribute.







and fiddling with the lights. After we had a set built and all the lights in place, we learned Freeman's Rule #1: Take *one* photo, examine it, make changes, shoot another test, and you should be good to go. No endless "chimping" while your subject gets bored. It's a good rule.

Workshops are all about spending time with a talented photographer you'd like to learn from. While there are many things you can learn from online courses and videos, there is nothing quite like working alongside someone in person. You can watch every little thing they do; sometimes it may be a small thing they don't even call attention to that will give you an "aha" moment.

Then of course you get feedback, asking questions about why things are done, and even feedback on the work you are creating. Things that may take you years to figure out by yourself are discovered in a few days. Working side by side with a talent like Lou Freeman may cost a few bucks up front but to my way of thinking it's probably the most cost effective way to advance your skills quickly.

To see more of Lou Freeman's work, visit www.loufreeman.com.



# PHOTOGRAPHING THE ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FESTIVAL

TIPS FOR CAPTURING THIS COLORFUL INTERNATIONAL FIESTA OF BALLOONS

By George Schaub

THE IDEA OF FLYING ABOVE the earth in a craft composed of a wicker basket and a large balloon lifted by heated air and at the mercy of air current and vectors has always been a subject of wonder and fascination. Indeed, it was the first method by which humans went aloft, a sensation witnessed by amazed crowds in Paris way back in 1783. Fast forward 232 years later, and add hundreds of balloons more, and you get a sense of the thrill you can experience at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, held this year from October 3-11 in New Mexico. Aside from the excitement of watching gallant crews working together to get these giant balloons aloft, there are numerous photo ops, including the many shapes and colors of the balloons, the inflation with blasts of jetted air, a full and often raucous midway, and nights of fireworks displays that all in all make it a photographer's dream shooting locale. Here are some photo tips to help you get the most from the event.

#### **LOW LIGHT**

Each day at the festival begins with a Dawn Patrol at 6 a.m.: a small ascension of balloonists whose craft glow in the slowly



Exposure: f/4.5 at 1/80 second at ISO 800. Center-weighted exposure pattern, Daylight WB. Taken with a 24mm f/1.4 lens.

**Editor's Note:** Destination Travel is a new Shutterbug column that offers tips on how to capture popular photo destinations. This month we get you ready for the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in October in New Mexico.

< Exposure: f/7.1 at 1/200 second at ISO 400. Matrix metering pattern. Taken with a 28-300mm f/3.5-5.6 lens at 300mm.

lightening sky. It can be cool in the desert dawn, so dress in layers. Bring along a fast lens (f/2.8 or faster) and activate image stabilization. Test to see what ISO will be required: ISO 800 worked for me. You can get up close so bring a wide-angle lens (28mm or wider) and use spot or centerweighted metering read off the glowing balloon itself to ensure that your exposure will not be overly influenced by the darker sky.

#### ON THE FIELD

Right after dawn crews hustle to spread out their balloons for inflation. You don't have to shoot the action from stands or behind a fence and you're free to roam the vast grounds for great close-ups of the diversity of color and shapes of the craft, as well as shots of crews at work. Bring along a small photo backpack or shoulder bag and pack moderate wide and tele zooms: a 24-80mm and 70-210mm will do the trick. The bright light means you won't need a tripod and the zooms need not be particularly fast: an f/3.5-5.6 zoom will suffice. Mix it up: shoot details of the colorful balloons and crews at work. Leave room in your pack to stash that outer layer, as the day can warm up quickly.

#### **UP AND AWAY!**

The really big show takes place at 7 a.m., when the Mass Ascension of balloons takes place. For these shots you can stay



Exposure: f/11 at 1/500 second at ISO 250. Matrix metering pattern. Taken with a 28-300mm f/3.5-



To capture the scope of the event step back onto higher ground and use a long tele lens. This shot of the "special shapes" inflation gives you a good idea of the action and crowds. Exposure: f/8 at 1/400 second at ISO 400. Taken with a 28-300mm lens at 250mm.

within the grounds or, alternately, move (generally) south toward the edge of the field to catch photos of the hundreds of balloons as they lift and stream overhead. This is when that long-range zoom comes into play, but if positioned right you can get great shots with a shorter zoom as well.

#### FIREWORKS AT NIGHT

Many nights during the festival are capped off with a big fireworks display. When shooting fireworks I like to fill the sky by capturing sequential bursts, and while the common wisdom is to use a tripod, I enjoy the unpredictable results from working handheld. I experiment with a few methods: one is to set a long exposure time, say two seconds, and wait for a strong display; another is to work with multiexposure and set Auto Gain to prevent overexposure and take two or three shots on the same frame. One important point: set a low ISO to avoid excessive noise and turn NR (Noise Reduction) ON. You'll need a long tele lens to fill the frame.



Exposure: f/7.1 at two seconds at ISO 125, handheld. Matrix metering handheld. Taken with a 28-300mm lens at 210mm.

#### IF YOU GO

Many photographers have a bucket list of places to visit and events to attend. If you haven't already done so, I'd strongly suggest adding the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta to yours.

2015 Dates: October 3-11

Where: Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Park Hotels: Book as early as you can for weekends. You can stay anywhere in the Albuquerque vicinity, as you will have to drive or park and ride to the grounds anyway.

**Best Photo Times:** Arrival predawn, late afternoon. Entrances and parking areas are well marked: hotels will be helpful in this regard. Take advantage of Park & Ride to avoid long entrance lines. RV facilities available.

**Dress:** Chilly mornings and evenings, warm days: layers are best.

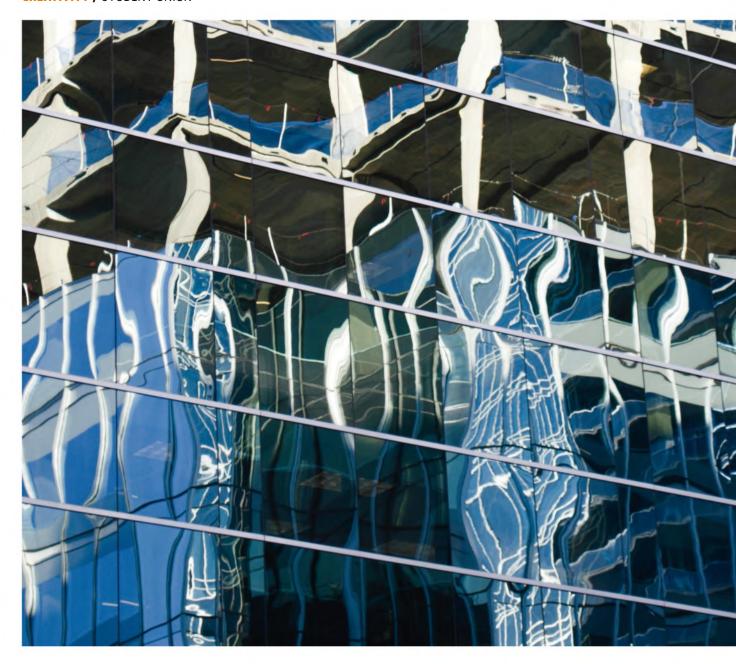
**Gear:** Interchangeable lens mirrorless/ DSLR or superzoom compact camera. Lenses: 24mm wide; 210mm or longer tele lens; or wide to tele zoom. Faster lenses will afford more leeway for Dawn Patrol shots. Camera backpack. Compact, lightweight tripod. You may have an opportunity to get a ride in a balloon where space can be tight, and weight matters, so do not overpack!

**Cautions:** Ascensions are highly weather dependent, with high winds, rain, etc., causing cancellations. Local radio and TV stations provide full coverage of the events and possible delays and cancellations, so stay tuned.

**Cost:** \$8.00 per session (morning or evening), 12 and under free. No refunds for weather cancellations once on grounds.

Photogenic Side Trips (About One Hour Radius): Sandia Peak Tramway; Petroglyph National Monument; Tent Rocks; Bandelier National Monument; Santa Fe; Old Town Albuquerque. (Add another half hour for the fabulous Ghost Ranch area.)

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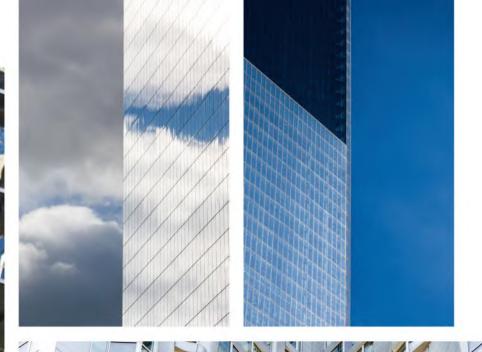
LAST YEAR, AS A FRESHMAN, Amanda Haycook found herself taking pictures of buildings. "It wasn't a conscious decision at first," she says, "it was just like my eye kept going there." Not so with others on the streets: "Living in New York I noticed that people don't look up, and I just started noticing things that people weren't paying attention to."

A photography major in the BFA program at SVA, she's made architectural photography her focus, and has recently become interested in using reflections to capture the feature of fluidity on rigid structures. She has also created a series of skyline images—not horizontal New York City skylines, but literal sky lines in which lines of sky abut the lines of buildings in vertical images. She especially likes to shoot on days when there are a lot of clouds and vantage points and changes in the light reveal interesting reflections.

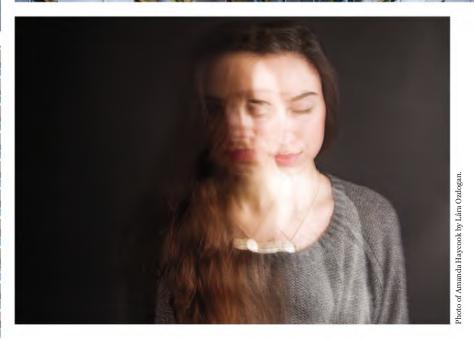
A career in architectural photography is her goal. "If I could dream big, I'd love to shoot for *Architectural Digest*," she says, and she's made a practical start on that dream.

"I've recently been working for a real estate investment company that acquires and renovates buildings. They want me to document the process from their acquisition of the property through the renovation, which I'm finding keeps the original integrity of the building." She knows how lucky she is to have found that job. "I've always been very passionate about shooting what I'm interested in, so what I'm doing doesn't feel like work."

Amanda Haycook was recommended by Seth P. Greenwald, an instructor at the School of Visual Arts. If you are a teacher, professor, or instructor and know of a student whose work deserves recognition, contact our editorial department by e-mail at: editorial@shutterbug.com.











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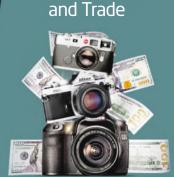
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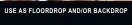


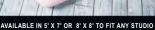






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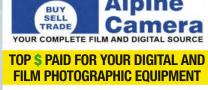
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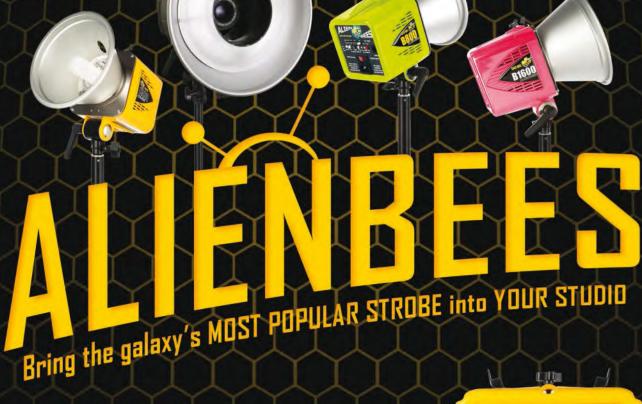
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